Opening of a road from Nilakkamukkoo to Kayikara.

42* **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the people of Vakkom, Kadakkavur pakuthi, praying for the construction of a road from Nilakkamukkoo to Kayikara ferry; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,

(i) the number of petitions received;

(ii) the date of the oldest of them; and

(iii) also as to what action has been taken hitherto?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Petitions were received in Edavam 1106, Mithunam 1107 and Vrischikam 1108. There were also interpellations in the Council on the subject. A preliminary enquiry was conducted and it was found that the road was not necessary, as the places to be served by it are already connected by a navigable canal and a railway line close by.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when the preliminary enquiry was conducted?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Somewhere about 1927 I think.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what has been done in connection with that after that preliminary enquiry ever since 1927?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The department made a rough investigation and a rough estimate was prepared.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government do not intend to construct that road?

PRESIDENT: That question has been already answered.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): I did not hear the answer.

PRESIDENT: Please repeat the last paragraph of your answer, Mr. Jacob

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): A preliminary enquiry was conducted and it was found that the road was not necessary, as the places to be served by it are already connected by a navigable canal and a railway line close by.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether there is any cartable road from the Kayikara ferry to the Kadakkavoor Ryilway Station?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the distance from the Kayikara ferry to the Kadakkavoor Railway Station?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not think that question arises from this.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the distance between the two places is about 1½ miles?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, on a point of order, I wish to point out that the member is constantly giving information.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not know whether it is 1½ miles.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a Railway line between Nilakkamukkoo and the Kayikara ferry?

PRESIDENT: I must point out, as I have pointed out several times, that the purpose of questions is to elicit information and not to give information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Am I to understand whether the Government are going to construct that road or not?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is not intended to construct it in the near future as the Government do not consider it very urgent.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government have any information about the condition of coir and copra in that place?

PRESIDENT: I think that does not arise.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): The Chief Engineer said that it is not necessary.

PRESIDENT: Do not argue with me. Your question has been answered sufficiently.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is the member aware of representations made in the old Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the necessity of this road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have already stated that representations have been received.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): I mean representations in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government convinced of the necessity of the road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have already stated that the Government do not intend to construct it in the immediate future.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government convinced of the necessity?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government are not convinced of the urgent necessity of the road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether similar petitions for construction of similar roads have been received by Government.

PRESIDENT: That does not arise on this question.

The Arattukadavu Bridge.

43.* MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to the Arattukadavu bridge on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road, will the

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